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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**APPRECIATION BANQUET HONORS COLLEGE STATION FIRE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEES**

The College Station Fire Department honored its' employees on Friday, January 30 with an appreciation banquet at Pebble Creek Country Club.

The Second Annual Appreciation Dinner honored the last 12 months of service by recognizing the monthly and quarterly employees, and awarded the employee of the year. The Ambassador of the Year was awarded to Frank Hartman for his dedication to the Citizen's Action Response Team. Mr. Hartman has served as President of this group for the past three years. A year-in-review video depicting the activities of the department during 2003 was produced by Firefighter Deborah Hamff.

The monthly employees of 2003 were Bart Humphreys, Thomas Goehl, Tim Hamff, Emilio Sanchez, Linda Giffen, Canaan Blake, Matt Brunson, Greg Janda, Chad Phillips, Steve Smith, Mike Ruesink, and Jeff Kuykendall. The Employees of the Quarter were Tim Hamff, Canaan Blake, Greg Janda, and Steve Smith. The Employees of the Quarter were automatically nominated for Employee of the Year.

Firefighter/Paramedic Canaan Blake was named Employee of the Year. Blake is an individual all of his co-workers look up to. He is actively involved with the City of College Station United Way program, CSFD Employee Selection Committee, Public Education Programs, and serves as an instructor during the Citizen's Fire Academy. Firefighter

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Blake is dedicated to the daily tasks of serving the citizens of this community. Certificates of Appreciation went to Julie Caler, Carolyn Sanders, Lance Simms, Mike Ruesink, Cannon Blake, Tim Valdez, and Cindy Dillard for their service on the Employee Recognition Committee. Appreciation certificates also were awarded to Linda Giffen, Deborah Hamff, Julie Caler, Thomas Goehl, George Spain, Fred Rapczyk, and Jon Mies for their service on the Banquet Committee.

“Our personnel represent a total of 1156 years of dedicated service to our citizens. Our Public Education Programs and our other community efforts were also responsible for keeping our personnel very busy, both on and off the clock. CSFD received almost \$400,000 in federal grants this past year.” “I am very proud of our employees. We are a top-notch organization.” – Chief Giordano

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